

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0445

Title: Beaverhead/Big Hole outfitter tag and river use

Primary

Sponsor: Chuck Swysgood

Status: Third reading

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| Sponsor signature | Date | Dave Lewis, Budget Director | Date |
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Fiscal Summary

| | <u>FY2000 Difference</u> | <u>FY2001 Difference</u> |
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| Expenditures: | | |
| State Special Revenue | \$16,545 | \$16,410 |
| Revenue: | | |
| State Special Revenue | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| Net Impact on General Fund Balance: | \$0 | \$0 |

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| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | |
| | X | Significant Local Gov. Impact | X | | Technical Concerns |
| | X | Included in the Executive Budget | | X | Significant Long-Term Impacts |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Only licensed fishing outfitters or guides who accompany a client, either part or all of the way, on the Beaverhead or Big Hole River will be required to obtain a tag.
2. The Board of Outfitters would need to contract with a statistician, for the first fiscal year, to prepare and verify historical data on the annual average use and actual use for the periods specified in the law and implement records. Estimated cost would be \$2,500 in FY 2000.
3. The Board of Outfitters is required to enforce this section and would need 1.00 FTE grade 12 compliance personnel to check and verify proper launches during the floating season (April through September). Personal services would be \$6,825 in FY 2000 and \$13,650 in FY 2001. Indirect costs would be \$705 in

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FY 2000 and \$1,410 in FY 2001. Operating costs for the compliance position would include \$350 for communications and \$1,000 a year to set up and maintain a check station.

4. The board will need to have two additional meetings in FY 2000 for the members to develop rules and review applications. Per diem would be \$700 (\$50/day for seven members for two days) and \$3,435 for travel expenditures.
5. Other operating costs would include administrative rule notices and adoptions of \$350 (\$35/10 pages) in FY 2000, \$180 for the printing of tags, and \$500 for mailing costs of the rule notices and other material.
6. There are an estimated 12 nonresident fishing outfitters with operating plans in the Beaverhead and Big Hole Rivers who would be required to pay \$250 for total additional revenue of \$3,000.
7. As the bill is currently written, the Board of Outfitters will need to consider raising the renewal fees in order to pay the additional costs of implementation of this act.
8. Routine enforcement during the period October through March will be made by Fish, Wildlife and Parks wardens.

FISCAL IMPACT:

| | <u>FY2000</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY2001</u> <u>Difference</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FTE | .25 | .50 |
| <u>Expenditures:</u> | | |
| Personal Services | \$7,525 | \$13,650 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>9,020</u> | <u>2,760</u> |
| TOTAL | \$16,545 | \$16,410 |
| <u>Funding:</u> | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$16,545 | \$16,410 |
| <u>Revenues:</u> | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| <u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u> | | |
| State Special Revenue (02) | (\$13,545) | (\$13,410) |

TECHNICAL NOTES:

1. The bill, as drafted, on page 2, line 28, states that tags will be issued free of charge to Montana resident fishing outfitters and guides who operate on those rivers. The decrease in the special revenue account for the board will have to be generated by an increase in license renewal fees charged to all resident hunting and fishing outfitters.